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STATES SELECT DATES FOR HUNTING RAILS, GALLINULES, WOODCOCK, AND WILSON'S SNIPE

Hunting seasons for rails, gallinules, woodcock, and Wilson's snipe which were selected earlier by the States were approved today by Secretary of the Interior Fred A. Seaton.

The States made their selections from a framework of open seasons and daily bag and possession limits for these species which was announced by the Department of the Interior on July 15. Outside dates between which choices were made were: September 1, 1960, and January 15, 1961, for rails, gallinules, and Wilson's snipe; and October 1, 1960, and January 15, 1961, for woodcock.

Shooting hours for all species unless otherwise specified in the table below are: Sunrise to sunset. All hours are local standard time.

Daily bag and possession limits are:

Gallinules and rails (except sora rail):

Atlantic Flyway States - daily bag, 15; possession, 30.

Mississippi, Central, and Pacific Flyway States - daily bag
and possession limits, 15.

Sora rail:

All States with open seasons - daily bag and possession limits, 25.

Woodcock: Daily bag, 4; possession, 8.

Wilson's snipe: Daily bag and possession limits, 8.

The open seasons selected are:

<u>States</u>	<u>Gallinules and Rails</u> (except coots)	<u>Woodcock</u>	<u>Wilson's snipe</u>
(a) Atlantic Flyway States.			
Connecticut	: Sept. 1-Oct. 20	: Oct. 22-Nov. 26	: Oct. 22-Nov. 20
Delaware	: Sept. 1-Nov. 9	: Nov. 18-Dec. 27	: Nov. 18-Dec. 17
District of Columbia	: Closed season.	: Closed season.	: Closed season.
Florida	: Sept. 23-Nov. 30	: Dec. 17-Jan. 15	: Dec. 17-Jan. 15
Georgia	: Sept. 6-Nov. 14	: Dec. 6-Jan. 14	: Dec. 6-Jan. 4
Maine	: Oct. 1-Dec. 9	: Oct. 1-Nov. 9	: Oct. 1-Oct. 30
Maryland	: Sept. 1-Oct. 20	: Nov. 15-Dec. 24	: Nov. 20-Dec. 19
Massachusetts	: Oct. 20-Dec. 28	: Oct. 20-Nov. 28	: Oct. 20-Nov. 18
New Hampshire	: Sept. 1-Nov. 9	: Oct. 1-Nov. 9	: Oct. 1-Oct. 30
New Jersey	: Sept. 1-Nov. 9	: Oct. 17-Nov. 25	: Nov. 12-Dec. 10
New York <u>1/</u>	: Sept. 1-Nov. 9	: See footnote <u>1/</u>	: Oct. 10-Nov. 8
Counties of			
Nassau	:	: Nov. 1-Nov. 18	:
Suffolk	:	: Nov. 1-Nov. 18	:
Remainder of State	:	: Oct. 10-Nov. 18	:
North Carolina	: Sept. 1-Nov. 9	: Nov. 24-Jan. 2	: Nov. 24-Dec. 23
Pennsylvania	: Sept. 1-Nov. 9	: Oct. 15-Nov. 23	: Oct. 1-Oct. 29
Rhode Island	: Oct. 24-Dec. 31	: Oct. 24-Dec. 2	: Oct. 24-Nov. 22
South Carolina	: Oct. 1-Dec. 9	: Dec. 6-Jan. 14	: Dec. 16-Jan. 14
Vermont	: Sept. 1-Nov. 9	: Oct. 1-Nov. 9	: Oct. 1-Oct. 30
Virginia	: Sept. 1-Oct. 31	: Nov. 21-Dec. 30	: Nov. 21-Dec. 20
West Virginia	: Oct. 1-Dec. 9	: Oct. 25-Dec. 3	: Oct. 25-Nov. 23

1/ In New York, shooting hours on woodcock are from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. on the first day of the respective open seasons and from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. on each day thereafter.

<u>States</u>	<u>Gallinules and Rails</u> (except coots)	<u>Woodcock</u>	<u>Wilson's snipe</u>
(b) Mississippi Flyway States.			
Alabama	: Nov. 24-Jan. 12	: Nov. 24-Jan. 2	: Dec. 17-Jan. 15
Arkansas	: Sept. 1-Oct. 20	: Dec. 1-Jan. 9	: Dec. 17-Jan. 15
Illinois	: Closed season.	: Nov. 19-Dec. 28	: Oct. 28-Nov. 26
Indiana	: Sept. 1-Oct. 20	: Oct. 28-Dec. 6	: Oct. 28-Nov. 26
Iowa <u>1/</u>	: Closed season.	: Closed season.	: See footnote <u>1/</u>
Kentucky	: Nov. 17-Jan. 5	: Nov. 17-Dec. 26	: Nov. 17-Dec. 16
Louisiana	: Oct. 1-Nov. 19	: Dec. 7-Jan. 15	: Dec. 3-Jan. 1
Michigan <u>1/2/</u>	: See footnote <u>2/</u>	:	: See footnote <u>1/</u>
Zone 1 and 2	:	Oct. 1-Nov. 9	
Zone 3	:	Oct. 20-Nov. 9	:
Minnesota <u>1/</u>	: Sept. 1-Oct. 20	: Oct. 1-Nov. 9	: See footnote <u>1/</u>
Mississippi	: Oct. 1-Nov. 19	: Nov. 23-Jan. 1	: Dec. 17-Jan. 15
Missouri	: Sept. 1-Oct. 20	: Nov. 10-Dec. 19	: Oct. 1-Oct. 30
Ohio	: Sept. 1-Oct. 20	: Oct. 3-Nov. 11	: Oct. 3-Nov. 1
Tennessee	: Nov. 22-Jan. 10	: Nov. 15-Dec. 24	: Dec. 1-Dec. 30
Wisconsin <u>1/2/</u>	: See footnote <u>2/</u>	: Oct. 1-Nov. 9	: See footnote <u>1/</u>

1/ Seasons on Wilson's snipe, in States indicated, will be prescribed when the waterfowl seasons are selected.

2/ Seasons on rails and gallinules in States indicated will be prescribed when the waterfowl seasons are selected.

(c) Central Flyway States.

Colorado	: Sept. 1-Oct. 20	: Closed season.	: Oct. 26-Nov. 24
Kansas	: Sept. 1-Oct. 20	: Oct. 1-Nov. 9	: Sept. 15-Oct. 14
Montana	: Closed season.	: Closed season.	: Closed season.
Nebraska	: Oct. 8-Nov. 26	: Closed season.	: Oct. 8-Nov. 6
New Mexico	: Sept. 15-Nov. 3	: Closed season.	: Sept. 15-Oct. 14

<u>States</u>	<u>Gallinules and Rails</u> (except coots)	<u>Woodcock</u>	<u>Wilson's snipe</u>
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(c) Central Flyway States. (contd.)

North Dakota <u>1/</u> :	Closed season	: Closed season	: See footnote <u>1/</u>
Oklahoma :	Sept. 11-Oct. 30	: Nov. 23-Jan. 1	: Oct. 1-Oct. 30
South Dakota :	Closed season.	: Closed season.	: Oct. 1-Oct. 30
Texas :	Sept. 1-Oct. 20	: Dec. 7-Jan. 15	: Dec. 3-Jan. 1
Wyoming :	Closed season.	: Closed season.	: Closed season.

1/ Season on Wilson's snipe in North Dakota will be prescribed when the waterfowl season is selected.

(d) Pacific Flyway States.

Arizona <u>1/2/</u> :	See footnote <u>2/</u>	: Closed season.	: See footnote <u>1/</u>
California <u>2/</u> :	See footnote <u>2/</u>	: Closed season.	: Dec. 3-Jan. 1
Idaho <u>2/</u> :	See footnote <u>2/</u>	: Closed season.	: Nov. 1-Nov. 30
Nevada <u>2/</u> :	See footnote <u>2/</u>	: Closed season.	: Nov. 1-Nov. 30
Oregon <u>2/</u> :	See footnote <u>2/</u>	: Closed season.	: Oct. 29-Nov. 27
Utah <u>2/</u> :	See footnote <u>2/</u>	: Closed season.	: Oct. 15-Nov. 13
Washington <u>1/2/</u> :	See footnote <u>2/</u>	: Closed season.	: See footnote <u>1/</u>

1/ Seasons on Wilson's snipe in States indicated will be prescribed when the waterfowl seasons are selected.

2/ Seasons for taking gallinules in States indicated will be prescribed when the waterfowl and coot seasons are selected.